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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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### Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits or a first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; ii) a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311; or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application. Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicants submit Exhibit A, attached to Applicants' Form 1449, as representing a burner assembly in existence prior to February 8, 2001. The burner top, labeled No. I in Exhibit A, was made in accordance with the description provided in Exhibit B, attached to Applicants' Form

1449, and described as Skamol Insulation High Temperature Insulation Manual; Skamolex V-1100 - Vermiculite Block Insulation.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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	Exhibit A	Drawing of burner assembly; I page (01/2001)						
	Exhibit B	Skamol Insulation High Temperature Insulation Manual; Skamolex V-1100 - Vermiculite Block Insulation; 3 pages (01/2001)						
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<sup>\*</sup>Substitute Disclosure Statement Form (PTO-1449)

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